Northfield Energy Committee Minutes of November 16, 2021

Present: Ben Keeley, Patrick Meehan, Gail Hall.

Location: remote

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Vice-Chair Bob Keeley

Public Participation: none

October `19, 2021 Minutes: Motion to approve -- Patrick; Seconded--Bob. Unanimously

Approved.

Kiosk Update:

• A student liaison from NU has been sharing construction progress. So far, the frame for the roof has been welded and the concrete and lattice teams are proceeding with their work. A question was posed about the type of roof for the structure. The NEC Board felt that it was most advisable to continue with the plan for a slate roof, as agreed by the Watershed Construction company, rather than a standing seam roof, despite its comparable cost.

- We have not yet received a timeline for the completion of this work. The NEC Board would like the entire structure and roof to be placed on site simultaneously. We also will ask the NU group to prepare an updated sign for us to post regarding their plan.
- The liaison student working with the Historical Society is making good progress on burning the Northfield scene images into the panel.

Building Energy Campaign:

- The Brown Public Library Board has established priorities from among the Efficiency Vermont recommendations. They will 1) have the windows caulked, 2) research the placement of appropriate (working) bulbs in the antique light fixtures, 3) look into climate control options, since the library temperature is currently 60 degrees. A decision about the use of plexiglass has not yet been made.
- It was suggested that in future Annual Requests for community financial support that items for which the funding will be used might be clarified.

Education Campaign:

 The Energy Campaign Questions will continue to be posted on Front Porch Forum during November and December. Patrick will ensure that all this information is released to the community in a timely manner.

E-bike Demo for 2022

• The Local Motion organization is being contacted for collaboration with our future e-bike efforts. We anticipate involving other Town organizations in the development of that event.

Other business:

None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 21.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Hall, Secretary